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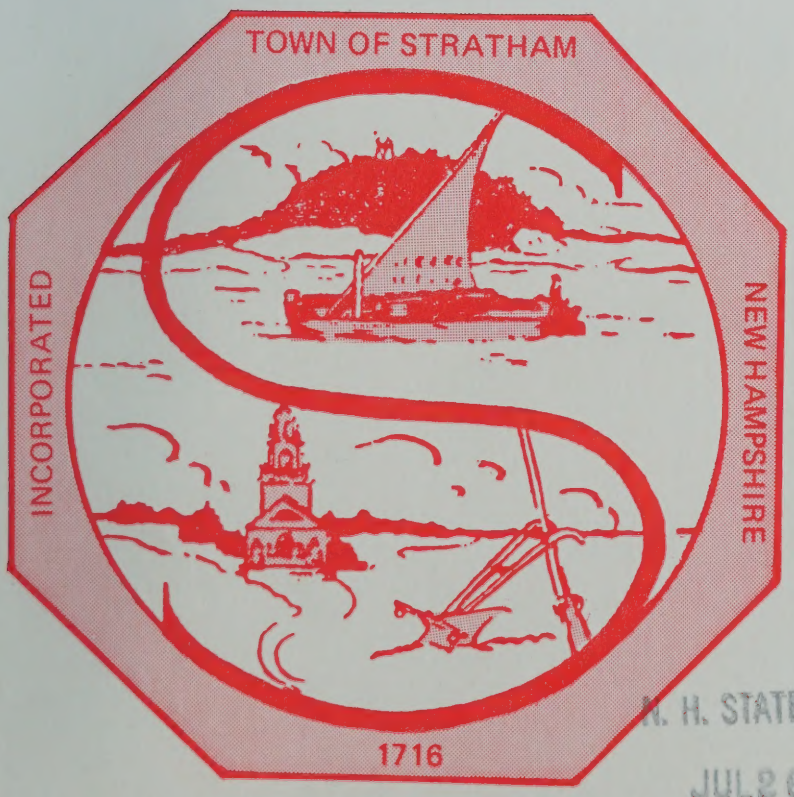

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This town report is dedicated to Hilda and Nelson Barker in grateful recognition of their many years of dedicated service to the community of Stratham. Hilda served as teacher for many years in the Stratham schools, member of the School Board, School Treasurer, member of the Building Committee for Stratham Memorial School, 4-H Leader; and has been an active participant in P.T.A., Pilgrim Guild, Winnicut Grange, Ladies Auxiliary of the S.V.F.D., Couple's Club, and a member of the Community Church. In addition she has provided years of understanding and cooperation for Nelson's activities as Selectman, 1936-1957, charter member of the S.V.F.D., Member of the Planning Board, Member of the Board of Adjustment, Treasurer of the 250th Anniversary Committee, Treasurer of the S.V.F.D., Treasurer of the Stratham Fair Committee, member of Stratham Hill Park Assoc., member of Winnicut Grange, Member of the Community Church, Deacon of S.C.C., member of the Building Committee of S.C.C., member of Jr. O.U.A.M., 32nd Degree Mason, President and Director of Seacoast Regional Dev. Assoc., and a member of the N.H. Legislature. Stratham is indeed a better place because of their unselfish interest in our town.

TOWN OFFICERS

W. Douglas Scamman, Moderator

Betty Oliver, Chairperson
John A. Hutton, Jr.
Richard G. Scamman, Board of Selectmen

George R. Brown, Highway Agent

David L. Gilbert, Chief of Police

Charles Hartson, Dog Officer

Gordon Jameson, Civil Defense Director

Christopher T. Rowe, Chairman
Nelson Barker
John A. Hutton, Jr.
Francis Frasier
Lee Oliver, Members Planning Board

Rodney Sanderson, Chairman
Lawrence Dowling
James Stuart
Annette Carter
William Robinson, Members, Board of Adjustment

Richard Paul
Arthur Weeks, Auditors

Charles B. Nelson, Building Inspector

Dr. George Fontaine, Health Officer

Lucy Bume
Ruth Nelson
Evelyn G. Barker, Library Trustees

Joyce A. Rowe, Town Clerk-Tax Collector

Kenneth F. Lanzillo, Treasurer

W. Douglas Scamman, Jr., Representative to General Court

Josephine Scamman
Stella Scamman
Robert Hill, Supervisors of Checklist

Nelson E. Barker
Dwight F. Crow
Fred Ordway, Jr., Trustees of Trust Funds

Fred A. Hutton, Fire Chief

MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING

March 4, 1975

ARTICLE 1.
Results of balloting, an * denotes elected officer.

SELECTMEN FOR THREE YEARS:
Richard G. Scamman* 284

HIGHWAY AGENT FOR ONE YEAR:
George R. Brown 238*
Jay E. Mason 110

TWO AUDITORS FOR ONE YEAR:
Richard C. Paul 297*
Arthur Weeks 288*

TOWN CLERK-TAX COLLECTOR FOR THREE YEARS:
Joyce A. Rowe* 326

TREASURER FOR THREE YEARS:
Kenneth F. Lanzillo* 338

LIBRARY TRUSTEE FOR THREE YEARS:
Evelyn Barker* 258
Deborah Vonderahe 92

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS FOR THREE YEARS:
Nelson E. Barker* 342

ARTICLE 2.
Yes 153 No 197*

RESULTS OF TOWN MEETING, MARCH 7, 1975

Moderator, W. Douglas Scamman, opened the meeting with the reading fo the remaining warrant. Rev. Andrew Gilman offered a prayer. The moderator read the results of the March 4, 1975 town and school ballots.

ARTICLE 3.
Laurence Foss, Dhairman of the Budge Committee read the proposed budget. Betty Corbin made motion to accept the budget of $171,680.07. Richard Scamman seconded the motion. Robert Wiggin made an amendment to decrease budget by $60,795.00. Motioned seconded. Mr. Foss discussed the Police Department budget. Richard Scamman explained need for it and that we could not expect help from State Police and Sheriff Department because of their lack of manpower. Christopher Rowe explained the need for the Fire Department monies. George Brown explained las years expenditures and income for the Highway Department. Dana Noyes asked how many

roads had been tarred and at what cost. Richard Wiggin asked questions on engineering fees if we were with out the services of George Brown. William Roberts moved the question. No vote on Robert Wiggin's amendment. Ray Wenninger made motion to increase budget by $1,077.60 to include town's share for the Southeastern Regional Planning Commission. Mition seconded. No vote. Floyd Turner made motion to decrease budget by $75.00 excluding the Seacoast Regional Association. Raymond Parsons seconded motion Nelson Barker explained function of Association. No vote. Questions were raised on the cost of tarring the portion of Union Road formerly known as Kelly Road. The original motion was moved. A yes vote on the $171,680.07 budget.

ARTICLE 4.

John Flynn made the folling amendment to the article. The article read Thirty Six Hundred Dollars ($3600.00) for the purchase of a police package cruiser. Francis Frasier seconded. Yes vote.

ARTICLE 5.

Betty Corbin asked Miss Tina Marsh to explain function of Newmarket Health Care Center. Betty Corbin moved motion. Richard Scamman seconded. Yes vote.

ARTICLE 6.

Francis Frasier made motion. Betty Corbin seconded. Yes vote.

ARTICLE 7.

John Hutton moved motion. Richard Scamman seconded. No vote.

ARTICLE 8.

Betty corbin moved motion. John Hutton seconded. Gerald Batchelder described the type of work needed in the old cemeteries and that the Historical Society would donate the labor. No vote.

ARTICLE 9.

Richard Scamman made motion. John Hutton seconded. Treasurer, Kenneth Lanzillo explained the need for this article. Yes vote.

ARTICLE 10.

John Hutton moved motion. Richard Scamman seconded. No vote.

ARTICLE 11.

Richard Scamman made motion. John Hutton seconded. Laurence Foss made motion to table article. Rudolph Bume seconded. Yes vote.

ARTICLE 12.

John Hutton made motion. Richard Scamman seconded. Rudolph Bume made an amendment to change it from 1% to 2% discount. No vote on amendment. Yes vote on article.

ARTICLE 13.

Richard Scamman made motion. Betty Corbin seconded. Yes vote.

ARTICLE 14.

Richard Scamman made motion to table article but to retain the dump committee. John Hutton seconded the motion. Yes vote.

ARTICLE 15.

William Robinson made motion that the Highway Department and Police Department budget for the coming year be itemized. Francis Wentworth amended motion to include all articles. Amendment accepted by Mr. Robinson. Yes vote.

John Hutton made motion that moderator appoint budget committee for next year. James Scamman seconded. Yes vote.

Meeting adjourned at 10:26 p.m.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Stratham in the County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Lower Town Hall in said Stratham on Tuesday, the second day of March, next at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

ARTICLE 2. Residential-Agricultural District. All residents must have at least two entrances and/or exits (mainly a front and rear door). All homes using the basement area as a living quarters (such as bedrooms) must have two exits (a bulkhead type door as well as stairs from the floor above). The Planning did recommend approval of this article.

ARTICLE 3. All new buildings used for Commercial purpose shall supon completion have a final inspection by building inspector and issued a certificate of occupancy before opening. The Planning Board did recommend approval of this article

ARTICLE 4. A fee of $15.00 will be charged for the inspection and approval of new septic, sewerage or water systems seeking local approval. The fee to be paid to the Town of Stratham. The Planning Board did recommend approval of this article.

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ARTICLES FOLLOWING WILL BE VOTED ON AT TOWN MEETING, UPPER TOWN HALL, FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 1976 AT 8 P.M.

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ARTICLE 5. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriation of the same.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum not exceeding Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000.00) for the purpose of making improvements to the following Class V road within the Town; Inv. #53 Union Road station 36to10 to 65+65 0.56 mi WDG & S (end of tar to Greenland town line) such sum to be raised through the issurance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 241, NH RSA, as amended, and to authorize the Selectmen to determine the date and place of payment of such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and to negotiate such bonds or notes as shall be to the best interests of the Town of Stratham.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will allow the Stratham Fair Association to build a combination exhibit and recreation building at Stratham Hill Park?

ARTICLE 8. By petition of Robert M. Hill and ten other voters: To see if the Town of Stratham will vote, by a yes or no ballot, to create, establish, and maintain a Town Mosquito Control District under the provisions of RSA 437-A of N. H. State Laws. The boundary of the District shall be the boundaries of the Town. The goal is to try to eliminate breeding conditions for mosquitoes?

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town of Stratham will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars ($1,200.00) for labor and materials to conduct a Mosquito Breeding Site Survey during the summer of 1976? By petition of Robert M. Hill and ten other voters.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will accept Stratham Hill Fire Tower from the State Department of Resourses and Economic Development, Division of Forests and Lands?

ARTICLE 11. By petition of Gerald M. Batchelder and twelve other voters. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand One Hundred Thirty Eight Dollars and Eighty Cents ($1,138.80) as payment of the Town of Stratham's membership dues in the Southeastern New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission for the year 1976?

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($3,500.00) for repairs to the Wiggin Memorial Library?

ARTICLE 13. By petition of Barbara J. Simmons and eleven other voters. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) to be used for the support of the Newmarket Health Center Inc.?

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum fo Six Thousand Dollars ($6,000.00) to purchase one acre of land from Marion Cole adjacent to existing town land?

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars ($30,000.00) for the purpose of building an addition to the existing fire station and to authorize the Selectmen to determine the date and place of payments of such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and to take such other steps as may be necessary to negotiate such bonds or notes as shall be to the best interests of the Town?

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum fo Three Thousand Eighty Dollars ($3,080.00) for the Town's participation in the expenses of the Exeter Area Youth Group Home?

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Twenty Three Thousand Dollars ($23,000.00) for the purchase of a 1962 Gallion Grader such sum to be raised through the issurance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 241, N.H. RSA as amended and to authorize the Selectmen to determine the date and place of payment of such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and to take such other steps as may be necessary to negotiate such bonds or notes as shall be to the best interests of the Town of Stratham?

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars ($1,000.00) to be used for the support of the Seacoast Regional Counseling Center?

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($4,500.00) for the purpose of purchasing and hauling gravel to be stock piled at the town pit for the use of the Highway Department?

ARTICLE 20. By petition of Robert T. Wiggin, Jr. and nineteen other voters. To see if the Town will vote to elect the members of the Planning Board beginning with the next regular town meeting and in accordance with the procedures set forth in the NH RSA Chapter 36:4 II (2) and (3)?

ARTICLE 21. By petition of Robert T. Wiggin, Jr. and fourteen other voters. To see if the Town will vote to prevent the selectmne, any organization, or any individual from moving or construction any building on Stratham Hill Park or any other town land, unless approved at a town meeting?

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town agrees to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program by directing the Board of Selectmen to complete the eligibility application and submit the required information to the Federal Insurance Administration.

ITEM E. Resolution A.
Sample Resolution to be used when applying for Flood Insurance

Whereas, certain areas of Stratham are subject to periodic flooding from (Streams, Rivers, Lakes, Oceans, etc.) causing serious damages to properties within these areas; and
Whereas, relief is available in the form of Federally subsidized flood insurance as authorized by the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968; and
Whereas, it is the intent of this Town Meeting to require the recognition and evaluation of flood hazards in all official actions relating to land use in the floodplain areas having special flood hazards; and
Whereas, this body has the legal authority to adopt land use and control measures to reduce future flood losses pursuant to N.H. RSA Chapter 31, 36, 156, and 156A.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That this Town Meeting hereby:
1. Assures the Federal Insurance Administration that it intends to enact and maintain in force for those areas having defined flood hazards, adequate land use and control measures with effective enforcemnt provisions consistent with the Criteria set forth in Section 1910 of the National Flood Insurance Program REgulations; and
2. Vests (the Planning Board or Town Manager or other duly authorized Municipal Officer) with the responsibility, authority and mean to:
(a) Delineate or assist the Administrator, at his request, in delineating the limits of the areas having special flood hazards on available local maps of sufficient scale to identify the location of building sites.
(b) Provide such information as the Administrator may request concerning present uses and occupancy of the floodplain. (c) Cooperate with Federal, State and local agencies and private firms which undertake to study, survey, map, and identify floodplain areas, and cooperate with neighboring communities with respect to management of adjoining floodplains in order to prevent aggravation of existing hazards. (d) Submit on the anniversary date of the community's initial eligibility an annual report to the Administrator on the progress made during the past year within the community in the developemnt and implementation of floodplain management measures.
3. Appoints the Building Permit Officer (Board of Selectmen or Building Inspector) to maintain for public inspection and to furnish upon request a record of elevations (in relation to mean sea level) of the lowest floor (including basement) of all new or substantially improved structures located in the special flood hazard areas. If the lowest floor is below grade on one or more sides, the elevation of the floor immediately above must also be recorded. 4. Intends to take such other official action within its powers as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the objectives of the program.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to establish the following building regulation pursuant to RSA 156 as follows: The Building Permit Officer (Board of Selectmen or Building Inspector) shall review all building permit applications for new construction or substantial improvements to determine whether proposed building sites will be reasonably safe from flooding. If a proposed building site is in a location that has a flood hazard, any proposed new construction or substantial improvemnt (including prefabricated and mobile homes) must (i) be designed (or modified) and anchored to prevent floatation, collapse, or lateral movement of the structure, (ii) use constrction materials and utility equipment that are resistent to flood damage, and (iii) use construction methods and practices that will minimize flood damage.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipationof taxes?

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to allow a 1% discount on such property taxes as are paid in full within 30 days from the day the Tax Warrant is committed to the Tax Collector, the date to be printed on the tax bill?

ARTICLE 26. To transact any other business that may legally come fefore this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this nineth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy six

Elizabeth J. Oliver
John A. Hutton, Jr.
Richard G. scamman - Selectmen of Stratham

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:

Elizabeth J. Oliver
John A. Hutton, Jr.
Richard G. Scamman - Selectmen of Stratham

TOWN BUDGET

Town Officers' Salaries		$ 14,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses		4,500.00
Election & Registration Expenses		600.00
Town Hall & Other Buildings		4,400.00
Police Department		32,043.00
Fire Department		11,800.00
Insurance		8,500.00
Planning & Zoning		1,150.00
Damages & Legal Expense		700.00
Department of Public Works		82,650.00
Highway	$63,600.00	
Dump	7,000.00	
Cemeteries	3,550.00	
Park	8,500.00	
Visiting Nurse Association		1,830.00
Street Lighting		1,100.00
Library		7,164.00
State Aid Construction - Town Share		301.52
Old Age Assistance		2,500.00
Town Poor		2,000.00
Memorial Day		150.00
Advertising & Regional Associations		75.00
Principal & Long Term Notes & Bonds		5,000.00
Interest - Long Term Notes & Bonds		200.00
Interest - Temporary Loans		1,800.00
TOTAL TOWN BUDGET		$182,463.52

Dwight F. Crow, Chm
Gilbert A. Stevens
John W. Flynn, Jr.

Elizabeth Oliver
John A. Hutton, Jr.
Richard G. Scamman
Richard H. Wiggin

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES

LEVY OF 1975

- DR. -

Taxes Committed to Collector:			
Property Taxes	$ 589,243.58		
Resident Taxes	10,810.00		
National Bank Stock Taxes	3.50		
Total Warrants		$ 600,057.08	
Added Taxes:			
Property Taxes	6,010.36		
Resident Taxes	90.00	6,100.36	
Interest Collected on Delinquent Property Taxes:	133.57		
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes	25.00		
Total Debits			$606,316.01

- CR. -

Remittances to Treasurer:			
Property Taxes	$ 497,061.85		
Resident Taxes	8,140.00		
National Bank Stock Taxes	3.50		
Interest Collected	133.57		
Penalties on Resident Taxes	25.00		
		$ 505,363.92	
Discounts Allowed		3,570.02	
Abatements Made During Year:			
Property Taxes	7,472.10		
Resident Taxes	90.00	7,562.10	

Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1975:
(As Per Collector's List)

Property Taxes	-$ 87,149.97	
Resident Taxes	2,670.00	
		89,819.97
Total Credits		$606,316.01

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES

LEVY OF 1974

- DR. -

Uncollected Taxes - As of January 1, 1975:

Property Taxes	$ 100,023.04	
Resident Taxes	2,420.00	
Jeopardy Assessments	21.94	
		$102,464.98

Added Taxes:

Property Taxes	705.00	
Resident Taxes	160.00	
		103,329.98

Interest Collected on Delinquent Property Taxes	4,826.24	
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes	216.00	
Total Debits		$108,372.22

- CR. -

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year
Ended December 31, 1975:

Property Taxes	$100,232.98	
Resident Taxes	2,220.00	
Interest Collected During Year	4,826.24	
Penalties on Resident Taxes	216.00	
		$107,495.22

Abatements Made During Year:

Property Taxes	517.00	
Resident Taxes	360.00	877.00
Total Credits		$108,372.22

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS

FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1975

	- DR. - Tax Sales on Account of Levies of:			
	1974	1973	1972	Previous Years
(a) Balance of Unredeemed Taxes of January 1, 1975		$5,464.21	$ 427.75	
(b) Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year.....	$18,903.59			
Interest Collected After Sale	237.59	492.53	24.54	
Redemption Costs.....	59.85	42.48	5.30	
TOTAL DEBITS	$19,201.03,	$5,999.22	$ 457.59	
	- CR.-			
Remittances to Treasurer During Year:				
Redemptions	$12,181.77	$4,871.43	$ 146.33	
Interest & Costs After Sale	297.44	535.01	29.84	
Unredeemed Taxes - December 31, 1975	6,721.82	592.78	281.42	
TOTAL CREDITS	$19,201.03	$5,999.22	$ 457.59	

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bankstatements, and other financial records for 1975 of the following town officers and found them to be correct to the best of our knowledge and belief:

Selectmen	Tax Collector
Treasurer	Trustee of Trust Funds
Town Clerk	Library Treasurer

Richard C. Paul

Arthur W. Weeks

February 1, 1976

Auditors, Stratham, N.H.

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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1975

1974 AUTO PERMITS DONE IN 1975	$ 190.36
1975 AUTO PERMITS DONE IN 1975	30,143.82
DOG LICENSES - 1974	20.00
DOG LICENSES - 1975	895.00
FILING FEES FOR TOWN OFFICERS'	7.00
TOTAL	$ 31,256.18

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT
STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

CASH ON HAND, JANUARY 1, 1975		
Checking Account	$ 91,572.50	
Savings Account	104,966.36	
Revenue Sharing Account	3,316.02	$199,854.88
RECEIVED FROM TAX COLLECTOR:		
1975 Property Taxes	497,061.85	
1975 Resident Taxes	8,140.00	
Property Taxes for Prev. Yr.	100,232.98	
Resident Taxes for Prev. Yr.	2,220.00	
Interest Rec. on Delinquent Taxes	4,959.81	
Penalties rec. on Res. Tax	241.00	
Tax Sales Redeemed	18,061.82	630,917.46
RECEIVED FROM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE:		
TRA (Town Road Aid)	2,033.81	
Highway Subsidy	7,866.90	
Interest & Dividends Tax	16,377.16	
Savings Bank Tax	2,016.24	
Meals & Room Tax	11,769.33	
Business Profits Tax	14,244.12	54,287.56
RECEIVED FROM LOCAL SOURCES:		
Dog Licenses	915.00	
Filing Fees	7.00	
Rent of Town Hall	788.00	
Reim. for Fire Dept. Services	174.96	
Reim. for Cemetery Exec & Care	310.00	
Reim. for Police Services	2,620.00	
Reim. for Highway Dept. Serv.	4,317.82	
Other Fees	258.33	
Motor Vehicle Permits	30,334.18	
Recovery from Town Poor	524,50	
Town Hall Pay Phone	152.40	40,526.10
RECEIVED FROM NON-LOCAL SOURCES:		
Loan in Anticipation of Taxes	70,000.00	
Refunds, Dividends & Adj.	1,394.63	
New Trust Funds	200.00	

Sale of Town Property	87.30	
Reim. from Bd. of Adj.	285.00	
USA Revenue Sharing, 1975	1,028.00	
National Bank Stock Tax	3.50	
Crime Commission	1,058.00	
Emergency Employment Act.	5,267.40	
Transfer from Savings Acc't.	100,000.00	$179,323.83
ACCRUED PRINCIPLE IN REVENUE SHARING ACC'T., 1975	1,028.00	
INTEREST ON REV. SHARING	152.53	
INTEREST ON SAVINGS ACC't. 1975	3,600.96	4,781.49
TOTAL ASSESTS & RECEIPTS		$1,109,691.32
PAID ON SELECTMENS' ORDER		859,315.54
BALANCE ON HAND, DECEMBER 31, 1975		$ 250,375.78

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STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT

TOWN OF STRATHAM, N.H.

DECEMBER 31, 1975

MATURITIES	TRA NOTE 1971 3.75%	TOWN HALL ADDITION NOTE 1971 - 3.75%
	Original Amt. $10,000.00	Original Amt. $15,000.00
AMOUNT DUE	$ 2,000.00	$ 3,000.00

REPORT OF TOWN AUDIT

TOWN OF STRATHAM, N. H.

FISCAL YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1975

REVENUE SHARING FUND

Available Funds, January 1, 1975		$ 3,316.02
Add Revenue:		
Entitlement Payments	$ 1,028.00	
Interest	152.53	1,180.53
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS		$ 4,496.55
Capital Expenditures:		
Available Cash - Dec. 31, 1975		$ 4,496.55
Less: Encumbrances (Appropriations Authorized)		
Capital Outlay:		
Transportation	2,500.00	
Others - Tax Map	816.02	
	Available 12/31/75	$ 1,180.53

We have examined the accounts and records of the Revenue Sharing Fund of the Town of Stratham, N. H. for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1975.

In our opion, the above Statement of Revenue, Appropriations, Encumbrances, and Available Unobligated Funds presents fairly the revenue, expenditure and encumbrances incurred, and status of Revenue Sharing Funds of the Town of Stratham, N. H. for the year ended December 31, 1975.

Signed:

Richard C. Paul

Arthur W. Weeks

Auditors
Town of Stratham, N.H.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF
STRATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

SECTION I

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	Approp. Prev. Fiscal Year	Actual Expend. Prev. Fisc. Yr.	Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Town Officers' Salaries	13,000.00	13,143.24	14,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	4,000.00	3,926.53	4,500.00
Election & Reg. Expenses	150.00	324.60	600.00
Town Hall & Other Buildings	4,400.00	4,935.48	4,400.00
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY:			
Police Department	30,100.00	30,759.96	32,043.00
Fire Department	6,500.00	12,733.50	11,800.00
Insurance	6,280.00	7,279.47	8,500.00
Planning & Zoning	1,150.00	52.00	1,150.00
Damages & Legal Expense	500.00	705.50	700.00
HEALTH DEPARTMENT:	1,830.00	1,830.00	1,330.00
Town Maintenance - Summer & Winter	57,986.00	64,388.49	63,600.00
Street Lighting	1,100.00	1,056.60	1,100.00
Town Road Aid	305.07	305.07	301.52
LIBRARIES:	6,550.00	6,550.00	7,164.00
PUBLIC WELFARE:			
Town Poor	3,000.00	1,752.74	2,000.00
Old Age Assistance	2,200.00	1,999.06	2,500.00
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES (Memorial Day, etc.)	150.00	150.00	150.00
RECREATION (Parks & Playgrounds)	8,495.00	11,168.39	8,500.00
Public Service Enterprises;			
Cemeteries	3,195.00	3,140.65	3,550.00

Advertising & Reg. Assoc.	75.00	75.00	75.00
DEBT SERVICE:			
Principal & Long Term Notes & Bonds	11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
Interest - Long Term	2,500.00	605.75	200.00
Temp. Loans		1,712.64	1,800.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	$171,680.00	$186,357.74	$182,463.52

SECTION II SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Rev. Prev. Fiscal Year	Actual Rev. Previous Fiscal Yr.	Estimated Rev. Ensuing Fiscal Yr., 1976-77
FROM STATE:			
Interest & Dividends Tax	11,000.00	16,377.16	16,000.00
Savings Bank Tax	1,500.00	2,016.24	2,000.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	10,000.00	11,769.33	12,000.00
Highway Subsidy(Cl. IV & V)	7,866.90	7,866.90	7,841.59
Reim. A/C Bus. Profits Tax	10,000.00	14,224.12	14,000.00
TRA	2,033.81	2,033.81	2,010.16
FROM LOCAL SOURCES:			
Dog Licenses	1,000.00	915.00	1,000.00
Bus. Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	20.00	29.00	20.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	25,000.00	30,334.18	35,000.00
Interest on Taxes & Deposits	2,700.00	3,600.96	3,000.00
Income from Trust Funds	2,450.00		5,000.00
National Bank Stock Tax		3.50	
Resident Taxes	7,800.00	8,140.00	8,000.00
Rent of Town Property	500.00	788.10	500.00
Sale of Town Property	590.00	1,486.71	1,500.00
Income from Department	6,440.00	7,516.73	6,000.00
Income from Bd. of Adj. & Planning Bd.		285.00	
Manpower Program	2,340.00	5,267.40	
Crime Commission		1,058.00	
FROM FEDERAL SOURCES:			
Revenue Sharing		1,028.00	4,000.00
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY PROPERTY TAXES			64,591.77
TOTAL REVENUES	$91,150.71	$114,740.14	$117,871.75

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1975

Title of Appropriation	Appropriations	Rec. & Reim.	Total Amt. Av.	Expenditures	Unexpended Bal.	Overdraft
Town Officers' Salaries	13,000.00		13,000.00	13,143.25		143.25
Town Officers' Expenses	4,000.00	552.60	4,552.60	3,926.53	626.07	
Election & Registration	150.00		150.00	324.60		174.60
Town Hall & Other Build.	4,400.00	788.00	5,188.00	4,935.48	252.52	
Police Department	30,100.00	3600.82	33,700.82	30,759.96	2940.86	
Fire Department	6,500.00	80.92	6,580.92	12,733.50		6152.58
Health Department	1,830.00		1,830.00	1,830.00		
TRA	305.07		305.07	305.07		
Highway Department	57,986.00	17819.83	75,805.83	64,388.49	11417.34	
Street Lighting	1,100.00		1,100.00	1,056.60	43.40	
Dump	7,214.00		7,214.00	6,763.06	450.94	
Library	6,550.00		6,550.00	6,550.00		
Town Poor	3,000.00	524.50	3,524.50	1,752.74	1771.76	
Old Age Assistance	2,200.00		2,200.00	1,999.06	200.94	
Memorial Day	150.00		150.00	150.00		
Parks & Playgrounds	8,495.00	1791.01	10,286.01	11,168.39		882.38
Interest	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,318.39	181.61	
Principal on Debt	11,000.00		11,000.00	11,000.00		
Insurance	6,280.00	950.12	7,230.12	7,279.47		49.35
Zoning	1,150.00		1,150.00	52.00	1098.00	
Damages & Legal Expenses	500.00		500.00	705.50		205.50
Cemeteries	3,195.00	370.00	3,565.00	3,140.65	424.35	
Advertising & Reg. Assoc.	75.00		75.00	75.00		
	171,680.07	26,477.80	198,157.87	186,357.74	19,407.79	7,607.66

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS
AND
TAXES ASSESSED
FOR THE TAX YEAR 1975

Town of Stratham in Rockingham County

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

We hereby request that the tax commission compute the rate for municipal, school and county taxes separately.

Date: September 24, 1975

Elizabeth J. Oliver, John A. Hutton, Jr, Richard G. Scamman, Selectmen of Stratham

APPROPRIATIONS

Town officers' salaries	13,000.00	
Town officers' expenses	4,000.00	
Election & Registration Expenses	150.00	
Town Hall & Other Town Buildings	4,400.00	
Police Department	30,100.00	
Fire Department	6,500.00	
Insurance	6,280.00	
Planning & Zoning	1,150.00	
Damages & Legal Expenses	500.00	
Health Department	1,830.00	
Town Dump	7,214.00	
Town Maintenance - Summer & Winter	57,986.00	
Street Lighting	1,100.00	
Town Road Aid	305.07	
Libraries	6,550.00	
Town Poor	3,000.00	
Old Age Assistance	2,200.00	
Memorial Day	150.00	
Recreation - Parks & Playgrounds	8,495.00	
Cemeteries	3,195.00	
Advertising & Regional Associations	75.00	
Principal - Long Term Notes	11,000.00	
Interest - Long Term Notes	500.00	
Interest on Temporary Loans	2,000.00	
Article #4 (Police Cruiser)	3,600.00	
Article #5 (Newmarket Health Care Center)	500.00	
Article #6 (Exeter Area Group Home)	2,041.20	
TOTAL TOWN APPROPRIATIONS		$177,821.27

Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits

Interest and Dividends Tax	16,377.00	
Savings Bank Tax	2,016.00	
Meals and Rooms Tax	11,769.33	
Interest Received on Taxes	3,000.00	
Interest Received on Deposits	2,700.00	
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	20.00	
Dog Licenses	1,000.00	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	25,000.00	
Rent of Town Property	500.00	
Income from Trust Funds	2,450.00	
TRA	2,034.00	
Crime Commission	1,058.00	
Resident Taxes	10,810.00	
Highway Subsidy	7,867.00	
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS		86,601.33
Net Town Appropriations		91,220.27
Net School Appropriations		465,315.49
County Tax Assessment		40,836.60
TOTAL OF TOWN, SCHOOL AND COUNTY		$597,372.36
Deduct: Total Bus. Profits Tax Reimbursement		14,224.00
Add: War Service Tax Credits		9,250.00
Add: Overlay		6,095.22
PROPERTY TAXES TO BE RAISED		$598,493.58
Gross Property Taxes		$598,493.58
Less: W/Serv. Tax Cr.		9,250.00
TOTAL TAX COMMITMENT		$589,243.58

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

Separate Tax Rates to be Printed on 1975 Tax Bills

TOWN OF STRATHAM

UNIT OF GOVERNMENT

Municipal	$0.80
County	0.31
School	3.49
COMBINED RATE	$4.60

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Town of Stratham in Rockingham County

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Land - Improved and Unimproved		$ 2,259,130.00
Buildings		10,291,800.00
Public Utilities		
Gas		61,600.00
Electric		456,200.00
House Trailers, Mobile Homes & Travel Trailers Assessed as Personal Property		41,700.00
Boats & Launches		1,800.00
TOTAL VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS ALLOWED		$13,112,230.00
Blind Exemption (1)	$5,000.00	
Elderly Exemptions (28)	96,500.00	
TOTAL EXEMPTIONS ALLOWED		101,500.00
NET VALUATION ON WHICH TAX RATE IS COMPUTED		$13,010,730.00

ELECTRIC, GAS & PIPELINE COMPANY

Exeter & Hampton Electric Co.	256,200.00
Public Service of New Hampshire	200,000.00
Granite State Gas Co.	61,600.00

FINANCIAL REPORT

OF THE TOWN OF STRATHAM

For the Fiscal Year Ended Dec., 31, 1975

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Date: February 2, 1976

Elizabeth J. Oliver
John A. Hutton, Jr.
Richard G. Scamman, Board of Selectmen

Kenneth F. Lanzillo, Treasurer

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash:		
In hands of Treasurer		$ 250,375.78
Unredeemed Taxes:(from tax sale on account of)		
Levy of 1974	$ 6,721.82	
Levy of 1973	592.78	
Levy of 1972	281.42	7,596.02
Uncollected Taxes		
Levy of 1975(incl. Res. taxes)	89,819.97	
Total		89,819.97
TOTAL ASSETS		$ 347,791.77
Current Surplus, Dec. 31, 1974		22,871.36
Current Surplus, Dec. 31, 1975		39,476.28
Increase of Surplus		16,604.92

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:	
Unexpended Balances of Bond & Note Funds	5,000.00
Unexpended Revenue Sharing Funds	9,000.00

School District Tax Payable	294,315.49	
Total Accounts Owed by the Town		$ 308,315.49
Total Liabilities		308.315.49
Current Surplus(Excess of assests over liabilities		39,476.28
GRAND TOTAL		$ 347,791.77

UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:		
From Local Taxes:(Collected and remitted to treasurer		
Property Taxes - 1975	$ 497,061.85	
Resident Taxes - 1975	8,140.00	
National Bank Stock Tax	3.50	
Total Current Year's Taxes Collected and Remitted		$ 505,205.35
Property Taxes - Previous Years		100,232.98
Resident Taxes - Previous Years		2,220.00
Interest received on Delinquent taxes		5,822.10
Penalties: Resident taxes		241.00
Tax Sales redeemed		17,199.53
From State:		
TRA		2,033.81
Highway Subsidy		7,866.90
Interest and Dividends tax		16,377.16
Savings Bank tax		2,016.24
Reimbursement Town Poor		524.50
Meals and Rooms tax		11,769.33
Reimbursements a-c Business profits tax		14,224.12
From Local Sources, Except Taxes:		
Dog licenses		915.00
Business licenses, permits and filing fees		29.00
Rent of Town property		788.00
Income from departments		2,897.49
Town Hall Phone		152.40
Motor Vehicle Permits		30,334.18
Receipts other than Current Revenue:		
Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes		70,000.00
Insurance adjustments		1,127.03
Refunds		4,038.72
New Trust Funds received during year		200.00
Withdrawals from Saving Accounts		100,000.00
Sale of Town property		1,486.71

Grants from U. S. A.	
Revenue Sharing	1,028.00
Governor's Commission on Crime & Delinquency	1,058.00
Emergency Employment Act	5,267.40
TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES	$ 905,054.95
Cash on hand January 1, 1975	91,572.50
THIS GRAND TOTAL	$ 996,627.45

UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:	
General Government:	
Town Officers' Salaries	$ 13,143.25
Town Officers' Expenses	3,926.53
Election & Registration Expenses	324.60
Town Hall & Other Buildings	4,935.48
Protection of Persons and Property:	
Police Department	30,759.96
Fire Department	12,733.50
Art. 4-Police Cruiser	3,600.00
Planning and Zoning	52.00
Insurance	7,279.47
Art. 6 - Exeter Area Group Hm.	2,041.20
Health:	
Health department	2,330.00
Town Dump	6,763.06
Highway & Bridges:	
Town Maintenance	64,388.49
Street Lighting	1,056.60
Library:	6,550.00
Public Welfare:	
Old Age Assistance	1,999.06
Town poor	1,752.74
Patriotic Purposes:	
Memorial Day	150.00
Recreation:	
Parks and playgrounds	11,168.39
Public Service Enterprises:	
Cemeteries	3,140.65
Unclassified:	
Damages and Legal Expenses	705.50

Unclassified:		
Advertising and Regional Associations	75.00	
Taxes bought by town	18,903.59	
Discounts, Abatements and refunds	663.55	
Employees' Retirement	512.40	
Rayments to trustees of trust funds	200.00	
Deposit to Savings Acc'ts	100,000.00	
Deposit to Rev. Sharing Acc't	1,028.00	
TOTAL CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES		$ 300,183.02
Debt Service:		
Interest on Debt	2,318.39	
TOTAL INTEREST PAYMENTS		2,318.39
Principal of Debt:		
Payments on Tax Anticipation Notes	70,000.00	
Payments on long term notes	11,000.00	
TOTAL PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS		81,000.00
Capital Outlay:		
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
State Treasurer - Boats	10.01	
Taxes paid to County	40,836.60	
Payments to School District	434,967.52	
TOTAL PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS		475,814.13
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR ALL PURPOSES		859,315.54
Cash on hand December 31, 1975		137,311.91
GRAND TOTAL		$ 996,627.45

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS 1975

DESCRIPTION OF TRUST	PRINCIPAL			INCOME			
	Balance 1/1/75	New Funds 1975	Balance 12/31/75	Balance 1/1/75	Income 1975	Expense 1975	Balance 12/31/75
Cemetery Funds	$ 20,748.00	$ 600.00	$ 21,348.00	$ 3,359.97	$1,863.18	$ -0-	$ 5,223.15
Library Funds	13,197.57	-0-	13,197.57	-0-	1,351.20	1,351.20	-0-
Stratham Hill Park Funds	4,525.00	-0-	4,525.00	87.47	381.25	-0-	468.72
Towle Fund	950.00	-0-	950.00	-0-	50.87	50.86	.01
Highway Rock Fund	5.00	-0-	5.00	16.02	1.17	-0-	17.19
Park Association Funds	15,000.00	-0-	15,000.00	-0-	682.10	682.10	-0-
TOTALS	$ 54,425.57	$ 600.00	$ 55,025.57	$ 3,463.46	$4,329.77	$2,084.16	$5,709.07

The above principal and income balanced are invested or on deposit as follows:

No. Shares	Description	At Cost	Market Value 12/31/75	Unrealised Gain (Loss)
1663	Puritan Fund	$ 10,298.13	$ 15,499.00	$ 52.01
370	Broad St. Investing Corp.	3,502.24	4,148.00	6.46
639	Investors Selective Fund	7,117.98	5,557.00	(15.61)
598	Mutual Investing Foundation	4,400.00	4,539.00	1.39
700	Public Service Co.of N. H.	8,400.00	13,213.00	48.13
551	Investors Mutual	7,500.00	4,546.00	(29.54)
1800	National Securities	7,500.00	5,616.00	(18.84)
22	American Int. Group Ins.	123.00	1,111.00	9.88
30	Chase Manhatten Bank	1,000.00	825.00	(1.75)
74	Shawmut Associates	2,477.75	1,443.00	(10.35)
	Indian Head Nat'l-Exeter	3,059.44	3,059.44	
	Exeter Co-op. Bank	3,138.14	3,138.14	
	Portsmouth Savings Bank	1,045.77	1,045.77	
	Amoskeag Savings Bank	972.19	972.19	
	Plaistow Co-op. Bank	200.00	200.00	
	TOTALS	$ 60,734.64	$ 64,913.54	$ 41.78

Total Principal at Cost	55,025.57
Income Balance 12/31/75	5,709.07
Total as above	$60,734.64

During 1975 $600.00 in new cemetery perpetual care trusts was received.

The rate of return on our investments and deposits for 1975 was 7½%. The market value of these investments increased from $45,987.00 on January 1, 1975 to $59,203.00 on December 31, 1975 resulting in an unrealized gain over cost of $4,178.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson E. Barker
Dwight F. Crow
Fred Ordway, Jr.

Trustees of Trust Funds

HIGHWAY AGENTS REPORT

As Town Meeting nears and a new highway program year starts, it is an appropriate time to plan for the new. As I reported last year the highway program is really a Public Works program consisting of the following: A. Town road and maintenance (these having top priority). B. Town dump and maintenance. C. Parks, playgrounds, lawns and trash disposal and maintenance. D. Cemeteries, graves, burials and lawns and maintenance. E. Public buildings, lawns and parking lots. F. Snow removal (all areas). G. Lawn mowing program (park, cemeteries, school, library, fire house and town hall). There are four seperate sudgets, namely, highway, park dump and cemeteries added together totaling the public works budget.

Several betterment drainage projects were undertaken this year, the largest at Berry's Circle development with 400' of storm drain system with pipe and drop inlet manholes eliminating surface water creating a very wet condition in the summer and ice problems in the winter. This project will be complete when 800' of open ditch is installed this year. A simular project was completed at Kurgan's on High Street where a very icy condition existed every winter due to high water table and fast run off.

Resurfacing by ceiling and sanding was accomplished on the following roads: Depot, Sandy Point, Stratham Lane and Guinea Roads. Stratham Heights to Guinea Raod was done by the State wherein they are responsible for summer maintenance of that road. Resurfacing of Union Road and High Street and some of Berry's Circle needs to be done this year. Stratham Heights from Newcombs to Bunker Hill will be done this year by Audley Construction Co. for the damage they caused during the gravel hauling last year. Some thought should be given to shim and hot topping (one mile) per year on a program so that eventually probably (15 years) all town roads will be updated. This hsould not be accomplished from the regular budget funds, but from a special article in the warrant each year. The cost would be in the vicinity of $20,000.00 per mile (contracted out to bid). All preparatory work such as drainage and shoulder work done by the town highway department prior to resurfacing.

Now about equipment the town ownes one dump truck, 1971 International, a 1970 John Deere bucket loader, 544 and a 1946 Adams Grader, a John Deere lawn mower (1972, 14 horse) a Swanson sand and salt spreeder, and various snow plows and wing attachments and necessary hand tools. As you can see the 1946 Adams grader is 30 years old and the Adams Company is no longer in existance so it is most impossible to precure replacement parts. In December the engine blew and is inoperable To fix the motor it will cost approximately $5,000.00, but repairing the motor will cause something else to go and it is still a 1946 machine-money to repair would be wasted. Now the machine is parked and in order to cover the town for snow removal a 1962 Gallion Grader was leased for three months, Jan., Feb., and March, from R. C. Hazelton & Co. This was a buyer, rental lease which means that if the town wants to purchase the grader at town meeting by approving the article to purchase a grader the leasing cost would apply to the purchase price which is $25,000.00. The turn-in value of the old grader would be $2,000.00. Thus the cost fo the 1962 grader would be $23,000.00 to the town. A grader is one of our most important pieces of machinery. We normally have plowed at least half the town roads with the grader plus winging

back the snow for all roads. Not only in the winter but used considerable the rest of the year, approximately 400 hours total. In 1966 the town missed by one vote to buy a new grader. The cost of a new machine today is $60,000.00.

This winter has been hard on all roads, so much freezing and thawing, rains and ice and below zero weather, the surfaces are breaking up everywhere even state roads where the asphalt is 4" thick. We have tried hard to keep your roads accident free.

If a special problem arises, please contact me immediately. The telephone number at the highway shed is 772-5550 or town office 772-2366.

George R. Brown
Highway Agent

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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

	EXPENDITURES FOR 1975	REIMBURSEMENTS	
LABOR:	$ 23,374.00	HIGHWAY SUBSIDY	$ 7,866.90
FUEL, OIL & GASOLINE	3,288.32	Manpower	3,780.00
ELECTRICITY:	293.83	FAIR ASSOC.	2,643.61
TELEPHONE:	200.01	CULVERTS	96.10
SALT & OTHER CHEMICALS	10,665.60	BELL & FLYNN(SALT)	1,399.41
RESURFACING ROADS	7,216.00	TRA	$ 2,033.81
TIRES	940.16	TOTAL	$15,786.02
REPAIRS & PARTS	4,678.87		
CONTRACTED SERVICES	3,423.72		
MISC & OTHER EXPENSES SERVICES & MATERIALS	2,890.89		
SAND & GRAVEL	332.00		
TOOLS & EQUIPMENT	172.49		
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	2,069.67		
TOTAL	$ 64,388.49		

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

EXPENDITURES 1975

Payroll:	$ 23,254.00
Equipment	174.67
Portable Radio	1,113.00
Uniforms	394.00
Car Expense	1,034.55
Reimbursements to Chief	141.55
Office Supplies	132.47
Matron Services	34.60
N. H. Retirement System	942.90
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	713.23
Gasoline & Oil	2,445.69
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$ 30,381.55

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INCOME TO DEPARTMENT FOR 1975

Shaw's Supermarket	$ 2,296.00
Crime Commission (portable radio)	1,058.00
Accident Reports	20.00
Pistol Permits	14.00
Grand Union	188.00
Donations	10.00
Exeter Banking Co.	80.00
TOTAL INCOME	$ 3,666.00

1975 CRIME REPORT

Burglary	7
Larceny	4
DWI	3
Robbery	2
Accidents	104
Incident Calls	2040
Court cases	70
House checks	44
Assist other towns	40

Total man hours

Chief	2982
Patrolman	2080
Others	984

Police car miles 30,089 (since April)

Using their new high pressure fog unit fire truck as a background, Stratham Volunteer Fire Department Association president Dwight Crow and Chief Fred Hutton flank the department's brand new seal with firefighters wearing new protective gear. From left to right are: Crow, Hutton, Fred Hutton Jr., Jay Mason, Les Barker and Hollis Durant Jr. (Photo courtesy The Exeter News-Letter)

REPORT OF STRATHAM VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

This year your Volunteer Fire Department had a considerable number of accomplishments, despite the unexpected financial burden of replacing the 2000 gallon tank on our primary fire water supply unit.

A new Fire Emergency Phone System was installed to aid in faster response and to provide a SINGLE fire call number. Residents are reminded that the new FIRE EMERGENCY ONLY number is 772-3113. For other business, call Chief Hutton at 772-5708 or 772-2366.

This year the Department has also purchased 12 sets of protective coars, hèlmets, and boots, a floating portable pump, and an additional fire truck with their own funds.

A Truck Study Committee, headed by Chris Rowe, determined the need for additional water, space for transporting support equipment, and a high pressure fog fire pump.

A 1962 International Fire Truck with a 750 gallon tank, high pressure fog pump, and ample space for additional equipment was located at the Green Village Volunteer Fire Department in New Jersey. After investigation, the unit was purchased for $5800.00 by a vote of the Department with Department funds. This incurred no cost to the Town.

The unexpected tanker repair sharply curtailed purchasing any additional equipment with Town funds this year.

Training continued in 1975 with 16 members completing courses in various Fire Fighting Aspects at Meadowood Fire Training School. Also, two members completed a second phase of fire officer training at Laconia, N.H.

This year members have given many hours to perform maintenance in an effort to hold down the rising costs of repairs. The increased activity of members at the Fire Station had a surprising effect in rapid responce to many fire calls during the year.

A highly effective Fire Prevention Program was conducted at the schools in Town, and Department members hope to increase Fire Prevention Programs in 1976.

The Department responded to 67 fire calls in 1975, 15 oil burner permits were issued and 15 inspections performed.

Fred A. Hutton, Chief
L. Dowling & C. Rowe, Asst. Chiefs

STRATHAM VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

FINANCIAL REPORT

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1975

RECEIPTS:

Balance in hands of Treasurer, January 1, 1975	$ 1,390.00
Savings Account, January 1, 1975	1,694.62
Interest on Savings Account	271.64
Finance Committee	138.40
Refreshment Committee	26.10
Dues	156.00
Badges and Emblems	16.00
Burning and other services	279.83
Rent - Tent	250.00
Ladies' Auxiliary	500.00
Supper and Auction	493.35
Stratham Fair	9,000.00
	$14,215.94

EXPENSES:

Equipment and maintenance	$ 2,571.63
Fire Truck	5,800.00
National Fire Protection Association	30.00
Postage and Secretarial supplies	59.84
Bicentennial Committee	100.00
Community Calander	8.10
Flowers and Fruit	58.50
Dues	99.00
Red Phone	88.50
Social Activities	68.61
Balance in hands of Treasurer, December 31, 1975	250.28
Savings Account, December 31, 1975	5,081.48
	$14,215.94

Nelson F. Barker, Treasurer

REPORT OF BUILDING INSPECTOR FOR 1975

For the year 1975 the Town Building Inspector issued a total of 55 permits, broken down in the following categories:

Single family homes	25
Multi-family homes	1
Trailers	2
Barns	3
Animal Shelters	1
Garages & Breezeways	9
Changing Shopping Center	1
Demolition	1
Home additions	6
Storage sheds	4
Greenhouses & Road side stands	2
Total permits	55

Building permits issued represent an approximate construction value of $1,406,500.00.

The year 1974 showed a positive decline in construction in town. However, construction in 1975 increased to where we have compensated for the drop off in construction in 1974. It would appear from the records that we are back on a slow but steady growth in new construction which we have strived to maintain over the years.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles B. Nelson
Building Inspector

EXETER AREA VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

The Exeter Area Visiting Nurse Association, Inc. is a Community Health Service providing health care to individuals and families in their home or in ambulatory care settings for purposes of preventing disease and promoting, maintaining or restoring health or minimizing the effects of illness or disability.

The nurse gives care and treatments as ordered by each person's physician, assists with the rehabilitation of persons of all ages, handicapped or ill. The nurse instructs designated persons in giving necessary care between nursing visits, teaches individuals good nutrition and understanding of special diets, accident prevention and how to cope with illness; advises new and expectant mothers in the care of themselves and their babies; provides tuberculosis and psychiatric follow up and refers to other agencies when appropriate.

The Physical Therapist establishes and supervises a program to return each person to his maximum potential, working under a plan established by each patient's own physician.

The Home Health Aide works under the supervision of the Registered Nurse or the Registered Physical Therapist. She provides personal and unskilled care to patients such as baths, exercises, light housekeeping and meal preparation.

The service provides: 1. The service of a Home Health Coordinator to the Exeter Hospital to assist in planning continuing care for patients after hospital discharge. 2. A Well Child clinic twice monthly for physicals to infants and pre-school children of eligible families and immunizations. 3. Sponsors screening programs in cooperation with the N. H. Department of Public Health. 4 Blood Pressure clinics and Flu Vaccine clinics for Senior Citizens.

During the past year this agency has made a total of 220 visits to families in this community. If you wish to take advantage of any of the services offered by the agency, further information may be obtained by calling The Exeter Area Visiting Nurse Association office Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., 772-2981 or writing to 17 Prospect Avenue, Exeter, N. H. 03833.

STRATHAM FAIR

REPORT OF AN EXAMINATION AND AUDIT

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1974

MADE BY

THE DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Balance - January 1, 1974			$2,070.63
Receipts:			
State Racing Funds:			
1973 Reimbursement	$1,421.06		
1974 Reimbursement	2,644.85	$ 4,065.91	
Admissions		11,322.10	
Food - General		8,011.89	
Lobster Feed		3,014.34	
Chicken Barbecue		2,492.65	
Beef Barbecue		1,181.75	
Commercial Exhibits		1,974.00	
Rides		1,795.67	
Advertising		1,725.80	
Beano		500.00	
Concession		460.45	
Interest on Savings		122.75	
Miscellaneous Fair Income		48.50	
Old Checks Cancelled		12.50	36,728.33
			$38,798.96

Expenditures:

Premiums Paid:			
Allowable	$6,773.22		
Non-Allowable	231.00		
		$ 7,004.22	
Food		8,371.54	
Capital Improvemnets		3,601.36	
Repairs to Buildings and Grounds		3,086.40	
Grounds		2,095.15	
Police and Watchmen		1,557.00	
Advertising		1,193.40	
Printing		1,317.15	
Queen Contest		952.04	
Postage and Supplies		478.10	
Audit and Dues		228.30	
Entertainment		235.00	
Banquet and Meetings		151.00	
Insurance		237.00	
Judges		202.00	
Ambulance Service		200.00	
			30,909.66
Balance - December 31, 1974			$7,889.30

Nelson E. Barker, Treasurer

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

This committee has met many times since elected and have investigated practially every method of waste disposal.

We have discussed a yolk with Greenland, Rye, and Exeter and have had meetings with them. The town was turned down by Exeter. We have considered trucking our waste to Wheelabrator-Frye's recycling plant near Lynn, Mass. Based on information given us by them our cost would be about $62,000.00 annually based on our present population.

It is the unamious opinion that this and every other method investigated is more costly than Stratham can afford.

At a recent meeting it was agreed to request the state authorities to approve our present dump to be used as a sanitary land fill. Also to request Wheelabrator-Frye, Inc. to consider a recycling plant in or near Rockingham County which we could patronize at a lower transportation cost. This is under consideration by them.

It is our feeling that all methods investigated are too costly for a town of our size and that solid waste should be handled on a county or multi town basis, each town shaing the cost based on population.

We feel after several years of study that the disposal of solid waste is very much in the embryonic and experimental stage.

Costly mistakes have been made by some towns and we wish to avoid this for Stratham. We undoubtly will have to request an extention of time for further study.

Nelson Barker, Chairman
Russell A. Granton, Secretary

WIGGIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY - 1975

This has been another year of change and progress in your library. New drapes were purchased with money earned from the sale of histories, plates and tiles left from the town's anniversary and from the sale of used books at the Stratham Fair. Also purchased with these same funds was a second typewriter to aid us in the typing of cards. From three to six catalog cards have to be typed for each book placed on the shelves. A new card file has been ordered as the fifteen drawer file we have now is almost full. New ceilings were installed in the bathroom and the closet at the foot of the stairs in the children's room.

From January through May and from October through December, story hours for preschoolers were held on Wednesday afternoons. With an average attendance of between fifteen and twenty, we had busy but rewarding afternoons.

During National Library Week in April, a book jacket contest was held for students through the eighth grade. The winners in each grade were presented with a silver dollar at a special Family Film Night. Also during this week a tea was held for the teachers to familiarize them with the library services and facilities. Many teachers borrow books for special studies from the library on a continuing basis.

The theme for the Summer Reading Program this year was "Bells of '76" featuring books with a Bicentennial theme. Story hours and film programs were held each Wednesday morning through July and August. Over a hundred children attended the performance of "The Little Red Wagon" in August.

With other members of the Hampton Film Cooperative, your library purchased one of twelve National Geographic films in the "Decades of Decision" series. All twelve of the films are available to town clubs and organizations for programs, as well as any other films owned by the cooperative. We are also a member of Aesop, a story hour cooperative set up with Federal funds and which owns films, projectors, film strips, and film strip projectors, all of which we can borrow for use in our story hours or film programs.

Many of our magazine subscriptions are contributed by many townspeople and town organizations. We would like to thank all those who help the library in this way.

Our Children's Room and Reference Room were used for meeting by the Historical Society, the Cub Scout Committee and for conferences with parents by counselors at the Group Home.

Bats were a constant problem throughout the year. In March, the arched beams which are hollow from the top were filled with insulation and moth balls, the only known bat repellent. The moth balls had to be replaced in late summer and seem to be only a temporary deterrent.

Our staff included Virginia Turner, page; Dorothy Cole, librarian's assistant and Barbara Senko, librarian. All are willing and available to help people and

organizations, clubs or groups find pleasure reading, special material, show films or plan programs.

Our special appreciation and gratitude to everyone who donated time or effort to our library.

Trustees: Lucy Bume, Ruth Nelson, Evelyn Barker Librarian: Barbara Senko

STATISTICS FOR YEARS:	1974	1975
Interlibrary Loan	18	27
Film Programs	42	55
Attendance	928	1186
Borrowed from State Library (on request)	44	58
Borrowed from Bookmobile	2517	2336
Circulation:		
Books	9277	10,237
Records	335	437
Periodicals	281	318
Patrons:		
Adult	368	485
Juvenile	401	413
Total Withdrawn	(69)	(42)
Total	769	898
Books added to collection:		
Adult Fiction	230	305
Adult Non-fiction	155	179
Juvenile	233	248
Total	618	732
Received as gifts:	65	60
Number of books purchased:	553	664
State Library Cards issued:	11	15
Number magazine subscriptions:		
Adult	25	25
Juvenile	4	4
Number of records added to collection:	33	42

WIGGIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Treasurer's Report

Expenses:		
Staff	$ 2,933.66	
Library Materials:		
Books	3,372.65	
Periodicals	106.67	
Audio-visual	74.90	
Supplies	338.77	
Building:		
Fuel	629.76	
Electricity	304.41	
Telephone	136.20	
Maintenance	200.00	
Equipment	548.89	
General repairs	84.50	
		$ 8,730.41
Balance January 1, 1976		898.15
		$ 9,628.56

Receipts:		
Town Appropriations	$ 6,550.00	
Other Income:		
Trust Funds	1,679.10	
Dividends	143.25	
Book Fines	199.74	
Unity Club Donation	90.00	
Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1975		$ 8,662.09
		966.47
		$ 9,628.56

(Outstanding books on order as of December 31, 1975: $639.21)

Evelyn G. Barker, Treasurer

STRATHAM HILL PARK ASSOCIATION

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1975

Balance on hand January 1, 1975 in Checking Account	$31.33
December 31, 1975, Savings Account	1554.13
December 31, 1975, Checking Account	41.85
Balance on hand December 31, 1975	$1595.98

Robert Calef, Treasurer

Annual Reports

of the

School District

of

STRATHAM

NEW HAMPSHIRE

OFFICERS OF STRATHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
1975 - 1976

SCHOOL BOARD

Richard H. Wiggin, Chairman	Term Expires 1976
Joyce Frasier	Term Expires 1977
Don G. Allen	Term Expires 1978

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
Frederick B. King

TEACHER CONSULTANT
Richard S. Short

BUSINESS MANAGER
Daniel C. Durgin

PRINCIPAL
David C. Michaud

MODERATOR
William P. Roberts

CLERK
Stella Scamman

TREASURER
Barbara Dowling

AUDITOR
Richard Paul

SCHOOL NURSE
Vinie Scamman

TRUANT OFFICER
Richard Wiggin

SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Stratham qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the Second day of March, 1976, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock in the morning and 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon for the following purposes:

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.

2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. To choose an Auditor for the ensuing year.

Given under our hands at said Stratham this Fourteenth day of February, 1976.

RICHARD WIGGIN

JOYCE FRASIER

DON G. ALLEN

SCHOOL BOARD OF STRATHAM

SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District of Stratham qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Memorial School in said District on Monday, the First of March, 1976, at eight o'clock in the evening to act on the following subjects:

1. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers hereto chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

2. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed Four Thousand Dollars ($4,000) for the purpose of grading and improving the playing field at the rear of the Stratham Memorial School on land belonging to the Stratham School District.

3. To see what sum of money the District will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of the statutory obligations of the District.

4. To choose Agents, Auditors, and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.

5. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Stratham this
day of February, 1976.

RICHARD WIGGIN

JOYCE FRASIER

DON G. ALLEN
SCHOOL BOARD OF STRATHAM

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF STRATHAM

	Code	Expenditures 1974-75	Adopted Budget 1975-76	Proposed Budget 1976-77
ADMINISTRATION				
Salaries of District Officers	110.1	$ 803.00	$ 820.00	$ 220.00
Contracted Services	135	45.00	55.00	65.00
Other Expenses	190.1	244.87	245.00	845.00
INSTRUCTION				
Salary of Principal	210.1	7,300.28	8,380.00	13,870.00
Salaries of Teachers	210.3	96,262.80	110,011.00	113,417.00
Sal. of Other Instr. Staff	210.9	9,031.79	7,793.00	9,061.00
Salaries, Sec. & Clerical	210.5	1,613.92	1,811.00	1,830.00
Textbooks	215	2,424.70	1,143.00	2,220.00
Library & AV	220	940.97	800.00	1,280.00
Teaching Supplies	230	3,634.59	4,056.00	4,508.00
Contracted Services	235	341.43	599.00	520.00
Other Expenses	290	817.07	1,000.00	1,000.00
ATTENDANCE SERVICES				
Attendance Officer	310	10.00	10.00	
HEALTH				
Nurse's Salary	410	3,874.00	4,261.00	4,474.00
Contracted Services	435	332.00	550.00	550.00
Supplies & Travel	490	118.25	102.00	102.00
TRANSPORTATION				
To Public Schools	535	27,316.00	27,820.00	38,990.00
OPERATION OF PLANT				
Janitor's Salary	610	7,063.20	8,008.00	8,108.00
Janitor's Supplies	630	818.82	1,025.00	1,025.00
Contracted Services	635	450.50	500.00	450.00
Fuel	640	4,890.34	4,820.00	6,525.00
Utilities (Lights, Tel., Water)	645	3,636.98	3,495.00	4,340.00
MAINTENANCE OF PLANT				
Contracted Services	735	9,161.18	4,170.00	6,850.00
Other Expenses	790	455.60	350.00	500.00
FIXED CHARGES				
Retirement	850.2	1,323.71	1,243.00	1,341.00
FICA	850.3	7,363.77	8,146.00	8,761.00
Insurance	855	2,419.69	3,814.00	3,831.00
SCHOOL LUNCH/MILK				
Federal Monies	975.1	5,013.71	5,500.00	5,500.00
District Monies	975.2		250.00	
CAPITAL OUTLAY				
Sites	1265	775.00		
Equipment	1267	1,104.07	832.00	1,794.00
DEBT SERVICE				
Principal	1370	5,000.00		
Interest	1371	81.25		
OUTGOING TRANSFER ACCOUNTS				
Tuition, Public Schools	1477.1	223,812.94	291,055.00	314,394.00
Supervisory Union Expense	1477.3	10,782.88	11,863.00	14,240.00
Other In-State Expenses	1477.9	2,297.00	1,973.00	2,959.00
Tuition, Non Public	1479.1	540.00	570.00	1,050.00
Transportation, Non Public	1479.2			1,050.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF SCHOOL APPROPRIATION		$442,101.31	$517,070.00	$575,670.00
RECEIPTS				
Balance (Actual or Estimate)		$ 8,358.02	$ 27,196.24	$
State - School Building Aid		2,188.56		
State - Sweepstakes		6,056.44	11,610.27	11,000.00
State - Child Benefit Serv.		1,071.90		
Federal - School Lunch/Milk		5,013.71	5,500.00	5,500.00
Federal - PL 874		13,850.00		
Federal - NDEA III		278.96		
Federal - Other		2,411.82		
Tuition - Transition		4,871.54	4,893.00	3,745.00
Other		2,243.00	2,555.00	2,668.00
Total Receipts		$ 46,343.95	$ 51,754.51	$ 22,913.00
Business Profits Tax		10,646.00	11,178.00	11,737.00
District Assessment		419,321.52	454,137.49	541,020.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATION VOTED OR TO BE VOTED BY DISTRICT		$464,269.00	$517,070.00	$575,670.00

TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR STRATHAM TRANSITION CLASS
1976 - 1977
(for 20 pupils)

Code	Item	Cost
200	Teacher	$ 9,100
	Aide	2,862
215	Texts	200
230	Materials & Workbooks	300
800	Fixed Charges	957
		$ 13,419
	Per Pupils Cost for all Towns	$ 671
610	Janitorial Service	$ 725
640	Heat	502
645	Utilities	334
		$ 1,561

Per Pupil Cost	$671.00
Rental Charge	78.00
Tuition charge all pupils outside Stratham	$749.00

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
for the
Fiscal Year July 1, 1974, to June 30, 1975

SUMMARY

Cash on Hand July 1, 1974 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)		$ 8,358.02
Received from Selectmen	$429,967.52	
Revenue from State Sources	9,316.90	
Revenue from Federal Sources	21,554.49	
Received from Tuitions	4,871.54	
Received from all other Sources	3,527.58	
Total Receipts		469,238.03
Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year		$477,596.05
Less School Board Orders Paid		443,385.89
Balance on Hand June 30, 1975 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)		$ 34,210.16

Barbara L. Dowling
District Treasurer

July 10, 1975

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Stratham of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975 and find them correct in all respects.

Richard Paul
Auditor

July 19, 1975

Stratham Annual School District Meeting
March 3, 1975

The annual School District Meeting of Union 16 was held at the Stratham Memorial School on March 3, 1975 with approximately 200 people. The meeting was brought to order at 8:00 p.m. by W. Douglas Scamman Jr., David Noyes led the group in prayer. A letter was read by the clerk from the Moderator William P. Roberts explaining his absence and appointing Scamman to serve in his place.

The Moderator announced that unless there were objections, the minutes of last years meeting would not be read because they were printed in the Town and School Report.

Article I: To see if the District will vote to authorize the construction of an addition to the Stratham Memorial School, including furnishings, equipment, architectural and other fees, site development and any other items incidental to and necessary for such construction, on land presently owned by the Stratham School District, and further to authorize the Stratham School Board to raise a sum not to exceed $300,000 by the issue and sale of bonds or notes of the School District in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 33 of the RSA as amended. The time and place of payment of principal and interest, the fixing of the rate of interest, provisions for the sale of notes and for bonds and all other matters in connection therewith, to be left to the discretion of the School Board.

Russel Granton, Chairman of the building committee, moved to adopt this article and was seconded by Nancy Herdecker. The school building committee, Granton, along with Larry Dowling, Lee Robinson, Nancy Herdecker, and the 3 members of the School Board comprised the committee. Discussion and questions followed. Permission was granted for the architect Don Summers, to explain the cost estimate and how $4.00 a square foot was included to cover inflation costs.

A motion was made by Lawrence Foss "To lay the article on the table" and was seconded by Wayne Haney. The motion failed 118 to 70. (70-yes; 118-no)

A motion was offered by Doug Scamman to amend Article I to read $273,000 instead of $300,000, seconded by William Randall. Scamman then reworded the motion to read "$273,000 instead of $300,000 for plan 5-A or one similar." Discussion followed. The motion for the amendment lost.

At 9:25, the polls were opened for the vote on Granton's motion to accept Article I and remained open for one hour. A secret ballot was used with 202 registered voters voting. The ballot clerks, Richard Cole, Leslie Barker, Bette Hennebury, and Roberta Brush counted the ballots and submitted the results to the moderator: 97 voted yes, 105 voted no - 134 were needed to pass the motion. The motion failed.

Article II: To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or Officers hereto chosen and pass any vote relating thereto. No business under this article.

Article III: To see if the District will vote to authorize the employment of an Assistant Superintendent for the Schools of Supervisory Union #16 as provided in RSA 186:11, XXII and XXIII, effective July 1, 1975 and to raise and appropiate the sum of $2736. as Stratham's share of the salary, travel, retirement, FICA, health insurance, clerical assistance and office equipment. Richard Wiggin offered the motion "To table Article III." This was voted.

Article IV: To see what sum of money the District will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of the schools, for the payment of the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of the statutory obligations of the District.

Robert Goodrich moved that the School District raise and appropriate $523,070 for the support of the schools. Richard Wiggin seconded it. Robert Wiggin moved that the budget be decreased by $12,864.00 to read $510,206. Mrs. Durant seconded it. The motion was defeated - 44 to 72. (44-yes, 72-no)

Rosalie Fronczak made a motion to subtract $6000 from the budget with the recommendation that no pay raises be over 5%. Don Thurston seconded it. Motion passed.

To raise and appropriate $517,070 for the school budget was passed.

A vote of thanks was unanamously given to the building committee.

Don Allen moved to pass Article I with an appropriation of $273,000. Russ Granton seconded it.

Doug Scamman moved to lay the motion on the table until March 10 at 8:00 p.m.

This was passed and the meeting recessed until March 10.

Recessed School District Meeting

The continuation of the 1975 School District meeting opened on Monday, March 10 at 8:00 p.m. with Moderator William Roberts. A minute of silent prayer was given in memory of Robert Corbin.

The meeting was re-convened to take up the motion made by Don Allen to pass Article I with an appropriation of $273,000. Following about an hours discussion on both sides of the question the polls were opened for an hour. The results were: 316 voted - yes 133, no 183. It was necessary to have 210 votes to pass.

A motion was made by Betty Hennebury that the School Board be authorized to pay the step increase and a 5% cost of living increase if it can be done within the confines of the existing budget. The motion was seconded by Roberta Brush and passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stella Scamman, School Clerk

Those elected on March were:

Moderator - William P. Roberts
Treasurer - Barbara Dowling
School Board - 2 years Joyce Frasier
- 3 years Don G. Allen
Clerk - Stella Scamman
Auditor - Richard Paul

Stratham Report '76
Report of the Superintendent of Schools
Frederick B. King

Once again it is my pleasure to reflect on some important matters relating to the education of the Stratham children. Enrollments have not changed drastically from last year but the school still remains crowded to carry on a quality program in all areas. The Cafeteria being used in part for a library does pose some educational problems. Every possible space is being used and any increase in student population will present a serious problem.

National testing continues to show that Stratham children are doing very well, and this is further documented by the fine backgrounds they bring to the Exeter AREA Junior High School. I would like to review some of the curriculum areas for you.

Reading continues as a top priority, and along with it the English and writing skills necessary for a successful life. Good teaching of reading and the language arts can occur in several different settings, no one of which is the best for all children. We continue to use our "level sheets" as the basis for planning a sound educational program. Recently added to this is a new guide for teachers in the instructional areas of English, spelling and writing. Children will be encouraged to write and speak for many different purposes and this in turn will cause them to use different forms and expand their language repertoire needed for future years.

The "new math" remains fundamentally sound, although the impact hasn't lived up to expectations. Computational skills in arithmetic and algebra are needed but we also must make way for computers and calculators to receive increased emphasis in the future. I think the evidence shows great gains in mathematic insight and understanding by the pupils. This along with our "skills" check sheets at each level should provide for a strong program.

The pendulum seems to be swinging back, as it has a way of doing. Appropriately along with basic education is a renewed interest in stressing good character building as a part of values and humanizing education. I feel the school has responsibility for being a part of the programs to train our children to examine values more carefully.

Mr. David Michaud, Principal at the Elementary School, has some additional information about the school. He says "School opened in September with an enrollment of 248. This is not a significant increase over last year, however we continue to feel crowded in terms of space for the extra programs we try to offer. We are attempting, as much as possible, to meet the special needs of our students. To do this we have been regrouping children between classrooms for various types of instruction. With our Continuous Progress Curriculum in reading

and in math, children move from level to level at their own speed. For this reason we have regrouped children for reading and language arts at both the primary and intermediate levels. We have classrooms in which we work with children who have learning problems in these areas. The pupil:teacher ratio in these classrooms is lower and special materials are available to help the students. We have the benefit of the Title I Learning Disabilities program which includes a learning disabilities specialist who comes to the school several days each week and an aide who comes three mornings each week. The school district has also hired a learning disabilities aide who works five mornings each week with these children. In the intermediate grades we also have a special classroom for the children who are experiencing problems with math.

Our Transition class continues to serve a very special need in the community. This year we have 17 children from Stratham and 3 children from other towns in the class. The children are getting an additional year in readiness activities and developmental training so that they can have a positive and successful experience in first grade.

The programs which we run could not be successful were it not for the generosity of our many volunteer aides. Some are in the classroom helping children on a one to one or small group basis. One aide works with the Speech Therapist and several with the Physical Education teacher. We also have a number of library aides which help staff the school library.

This year we have received a great deal of support and help from the Boosters Club. The Stratham Memorial School Boosters Club has generously helped to expand our supply of Audio Visual equipment. The moral support and assistance given by the Boosters Club has been greatly appreciated by the staff as has the help and support of the entire community.

This year we are beginning our fourth season of Environmental Education for sixth graders. Six grade students will be going to Sargent Camp in Peterborough, New Hampshire for a week in June as did the sixth graders last year. As part of the preparation for this week the students engage in a number of fund raising activities. The fund raising is given a great deal of help by many groups and individuals in the community and for this support we are most appreciative."

As you may have noted the Exeter AREA High School is crowded. It is interesting to note that nearly 50% of the students there are from the sending towns. I would like to express at this time my special thanks to Doug Scammon, Jr. for his excellent endeavors as Chairman of the Region #18 Vocational Center Committee. The group worked very hard. It is fitting and right that the community and its businesses, professions and the wide variety of the world of work join with education in planning future programs for our youth. Important as work is, preparation for it has not, until recently, been given the attention it deserves. The public schools must take a more active role in the future.

Again in closing I would like to thank the principal and excellent staff for their dedicated hours of service to the Stratham youth. I have enjoyed my association this past year with the Stratham School Board and look forward to future years of planning with them in getting "dollar for dollar" a quality education for other children of Stratham.

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

DANIEL C. DURGIN

March is a critically important month because it is during the month of March when most of New Hampshires school districts hold their annual town and school meetings. Decisions reached at these meetings often have far reaching implications and decisions of a financial nature always have a direct impact on property taxes.

Speaking specifically of the School District Meeting, perhaps the most important question before the voters each year involves the school budget for the succeeding year. I fear that many people view the budget as a financial document that is only indirectly related to the education of the districts' children. Nothing could be further from the truth. The School Budget, if properly formulated, should represent the educational plan of the School District translated into dollars. The budgeting procedure in all districts of Supervisory Union # 16 is designed with this in mind.

Rather than simply building on the previous year's budget, our process involves what is becoming popularly known as "zero budgeting". This new concept has been the basis for our budgeting process for many years. It requires fresh thinking and careful planning by all staff members and discourages the practice of building on the previous years budget merely because "we have been".

The budgeting process begins in September at the teaching staff level. Budget requests are entered on special forms designed for the purpose and are submitted up through the normal administrative channels where they are screened at each level. All non-routine requests, require written justification outlining such considerations as need for the item or items being requested and what is hoped to be achieved by their purchase. Requests for new programs and/or additional staff are also submitted on special forms which ask for complete justification and require evaluation of the cost versus the educational benefit.

After all educational requests have been carefully reviewed at all levels concluding with the S.U. # 16 Central Office administration, the budget forms are turned over to the Business Administrator for inclusion in the first draft of the proposed budget. The Business Administrator is responsible for drafting the final budget which will include many other costs such as salaries and related expenses (fringe benefits, Social Security, Retirement), insurance, transportation, tuition, utilities and payments on any outstanding debt.

The completed draft of the budget is then presented to the School Board for review, modifications and approval before being presented to the voters for finalization. In some districts, budget committees also play a significant role in the process replacing the School Board as final authority before presentation to the voters.

Although not required by law, each school district in S.U. # 16 holds at least one public hearing on the budget prior to district meeting. This gives the citizens of the district the opportunity to hear the budget explained in detail and to ask questions and offer comments relative to the proposed budget.

Frequently the attendance at these hearings and even the district meetings is poor. These are your meetings and you have a major role to play. Please make every effort to take part in this most important process.

TABLE I

STRATHAM PUPILS
TOTAL ENROLLMENT JANUARY 1, 1976

Grade	Spec.	Trans.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Memorial School		16	30	35	39	32	48	46							246
Exeter AREA Jr. High									45	32					77
Exeter AREA High Sch.											54	50	35	34	173
Rockingham School	1														1
Totals	1	16	30	35	39	32	48	46	45	32	54	50	35	34	497
1975 Comparisons	4	20	34	41	29	51	37	43	29	53	51	35	35	30	492

TABLE II

Perfect Attendance for Entire Year
1974-1975

Kathryn Hammond
Lori Kurgan
Thomas Pearson

Timothy Perry
Susan Stevens
Pamela Wiggin

REPORT OF SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES
Stratham Memorial School

To the Superintendent of Schools:

During the past year routine health screening measures have been carried out on all students in addition to special testing as requested by the staff. I have provided classroom instruction in areas of hygiene, safety, nutrition, family life and first aid at appropriate grade levels, and continue to work as a resource person for teacher-originated health units. I have tried to meet individual health needs of students by providing health counseling when appropriate and acting as a liaison between the school and outside diagnostic facilities when necessary.

Once again our school was fortunate to be able to participate in the State sponsored dental program. Also, thanks to the support of the local Boosters Club, all students were offered a chance to take advantage of a dental cleaning and fluoride treatment clinic last spring.

I have continued to take courses and attend workshops to fulfill requirements for school nurse certification.

I would like to express my thanks to the volunteers who have helped with the School Health Program. I would also like to express my appreciation to the School Board, Superintendent of Schools, Principal David Michaud, members of the Staff and Dr. John Tuthill, school pediatrician, for their continued help and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Vinie Scamman, R. N.

January 21, 1976

New Hampshire State Department of Education
Office of Deputy Commissioner
Concord

Supervisory Union #16
1976-1977 SUPERVISORY UNION BUDGET

Receipts:	
Cash on Hand as of June 30, 1976	$ 4,500.00
State Support	23,000.00
Federal Funds	70,256.00
Other Receipts (Exclusive of District Share)	101,800.00
Total Receipts (Exclusive of District Share)	$199,556.00
Expenditures:	
Administration:	
Salaries:	
Supervisory Union Officers	$ 150.00
Administrative and Supervisory	82,375.00
Clerical and Technical	47,923.00
Travel	3,930.00
Other Expenses	14,395.00
Instruction:	
Salaries	118,276.00
Travel	500.00
Other Expenses	14,429.00
Health Services:	
Salaries	1,330.00
Operation of Plant	9,100.00
Maintenance of Plant	3,602.00
Fixed Charges	35,584.00
Capital Outlay	3,818.00
Contingency Fund	4,022.00
Total Expenditures	$339,434.00
Less Estimated Receipts (from above)	199,556.00
Amount To Be Shared by Districts	$139,878.00

Distribution of $139,878.00 To Be Raised by Districts

District	1974 Equalized Valuation	Valuation Percent	1974-75 Pupils	Pupil Percent	Combined Percent	District Share
Brentwood	$ 18,574,836	8.57	205.9	5.53	7.05	$ 9,861
East Kingston	11,350,799	5.25	139.1	3.73	4.49	6,280
Exeter	131,153,508	60.56	2,891.4	77.66	69.11	96,670
Kensington	13,947,932	6.45	133.3	3.58	5.01	7,008
Newfields	12,165,021	5.62	100.3	2.69	4.16	5,819
Stratham	29,341,055	13.55	253.6	6.81	10.18	14,240
TOTAL	$216,533,151	100.00	3,723.6	100.00	100.00	$139,878

EVA L. SMITH,
Chairman, Supervisory Union Board.

Jan. 15, 1976.

Superintendent's Salary 1974-1975

Brentwood	$ 1,426.14
East Kingston	929.91
Exeter	14,534.54
Kensington	1,169.68
Newfields	850.68
Stratham	1,939.05
State's Share	2,750.00
	$ 23,600.00

Teacher Consultant's Salary 1974-1975

Brentwood	$ 1,108.08
East Kingston	722.52
Exeter	11,293.02
Kensington	908.82
Newfields	660.96
Stratham	1,506.60
State's Share	2,000.00
	$ 18,200.00

Business Administrator's Salary 1974-1975

Brentwood	$ 998.64
East Kingston	651.16
Exeter	10,177.66
Kensington	819.06
Newfields	595.68
Stratham	1,357.80
State's Share	2,400.00
	$ 17,000.00

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1976-1977

September (18 days)

M	T	W	Th	F
		X	X	X
X	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

October (20 days)

M	T	W	Th	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	X
25	26	27	28	29

November (19 days)

M	T	W	Th	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	X	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	X	X
29	30			

December (13 days)

M	T	W	Th	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X

January (21 days)

M	T	W	Th	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

February (15 days)

M	T	W	Th	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
X	X	X	X	X
28				

March (23 days)

M	T	W	Th	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

April (16 days)

M	T	W	Th	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
X	X	X	X	X

May (21 days)

M	T	W	Th	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
X	31			

June (14 days)

M	T	W	Th	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21*	22*		

September through January — 91 days — February through June — 89 days

Sept. 1-2 — Workshop Days
Sept. 3 — General Staff Meetings
Sept. 6 — Labor Day
Oct. 22 — Teachers' Convention
Nov. 11 — Veteran's Day

Days Out

Nov. 25-26— Thanksgiving Recess, Nov. 25 Thanksgiving Day
Dec. 20-31 — Christmas Vacation (2 Weeks)
Feb. 21-25 — Winter Vacation
April 25-29 — Spring Vacation
May 30 — Memorial Day

183 Days — 180 Days Required Attendance for Instructional Purposes.

* — Snow Days will be used in the event of a school day cancellation during year. If more than two are needed they will be made up the Saturday following the week in which the snow day occurred.

VITAL

STATISTICS

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRATHAM, N. H. FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,1975

Date of Birth	NAME OF CHILD	SEX	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME OF FATHER	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
May 4	Tannen Wayne Hembree	M	Exeter	Wayne C. Hembree	Sandra J. Tebo
May 14	Justin James Stuart Merrill	M	Exeter	John C. Merrill	Lorraine Stuart
July 15	Jeffrey Windsor Rohr	M	Exeter	Gary W. Rohr	Carol A. Senechal
Aug. 23	Sharon Marie Parnham	F	Portsmouth	Jack R. Parnham	Eileen M. Raymond
Aug. 27	Emily Marie Battis	F	Exeter	Donald E. Battis	Barbara A. Smith
Sept. 3	Ericka Leigh Stevens	F	Portsmouth	Donald L. Stevens	Linda E. Petrat
Oct. 1	John Martin Hickey	M	PAFB	Martin D. Hickey	Alice R. Bowser
Oct. 10	Bruce Andrew Tibbetts	M	Exeter	Lloyd S. Tibbetts	Diane G. Miller
Oct. 26	Lisa Marie Rowe	F	Exeter	Kenneth R. Rowe	Dorothy A. French
Nov. 16	Mary Ann Thomson	F	Portsmouth	Richard E. Thomason	Jacqueline Phinney
Nov. 17	Katie Ann Noyes	F	Portsmouth	Dana C. Noyes	Roberta Wiggin
Nov. 28	Paula Jean Whiting	F	Exeter	Peter S. Whiting	Gail A. Trudelle
Dec. 15	Christopher James Velutto	M	Exeter	Anthony J. Velluto	Jane Ferriero

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DEATHS REGISTERED IN STRATHAM, N. H. FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1975

Date of Death	NAME	AGE	SEX	BIRTHPLACE	NAME OF FATHER	NAME OF MOTHER
Jan. 7	Mildred L. Chick	60	F	Me.	Rufus Tate	Addie Fuller
Jan. 20	Russell M. Miller	70	M	N.H.	James Miller	Helen Flanders
Apr. 8	Oliver B. Chase	72	M	N.H.	John Chase	Georgia Carter
Apr. 15	Annie Myrtle French	77	F	NH	James O'Brien	Cora Wentworth
Apr. 17	Mata K. Cummings	79	F	Ill.	Wm. Kreyscher	Wilhelmina Herske
Apr. 23	Rose E. Wentworth	91	F	N.H.	Peter Cote	Delzida Joli
June 16	Mary H. Wentworth	81	F	Canada	Eugene White	Pheobe Pellitier
June 22	Louise Ann Burke	76	F	Neb.	Joseph Bayer	Amelia Strand
Aug. 18	Harold Booth	72	M	Mass.	John Booth	Jane Roberts
Sept. 30	Marion A. Wiggin	90	F	N.H.	George Wiggin	Ann Roberts
Oct.7	Chester W. Howe	72	M	N.H.	Carl Howe	Bessie Roberts
Oct. 10	Baby Boy Tibbetts	23 mins	M	NH	Lloyd Tibbetts	Diane Miller
Nov. 23	Milton Houghton	51	M	Mass.	Peter Houghton	Gladys Booth
Nov. 27	Eva Ruth White	51	F	Minn.	Robert Yeo	Elizabeth Dick
Dec. 5	Robert E. Stuart	65	M	Mass.	James Stuart	Lillian M. Wyman
Dec. 19	Francis J. Barry	79	M	Mass.	John Barry	Julia Duggan

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF STRATHAM, N.H. FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1975

Date	Name of Groom and Bride	State of Birth	Name of Parents	By Whom Married
Feb. 15	Paul T. Brown	Mass.	Laurence C. Brown Catherine Stewart	Rev. Andrew Gilman Minister, Stratham
	Gail I. Tessier	N. H.	Robert L. Tessier Irene Ricard	Community Church
Apr. 10	Dustin I. Wilbur	N. H.	Joseph Wilbur Barbara Irving	James Falconer Justice of the Peace
	Louise Drapeau	Mass	John Mansfield Thelma Wordell	Seabrook, N.H.
June 21	Donald W. Sachey	N. Y.	Michael E. Sachey Dorothy Priest	Rev. Andrew Gilman Minister, Stratham
	Karen A. Gallant	N. H.	Richard Gallant Helen Estwing	Community Church
June 21	William A. Quinn	Mass.	Robert Quinn Jeanne Grinnell	Rev. Andrew Gilman Minister, Stratham
	Doreen A. Eldredge	N. H.	Frank Eldredge Christine St.Laurent	Community Church
June 28	Verne E. Rawson, III	NH	Verne E. Rawson, Jr. Irene Davey	Rev. Charles P. Calcagni Pastor, Cong. Church
	Andrea L. Maynard	Mass.	George Maynard Cora Marshall	Exeter, N.H.
July 2	Joel Laviolette	N.H.	Edward Laviolette Margaret Courtney	John A. Buccine Justice of the Peace
	Cynthia Colleen Stone	Fla.	Jack Stone Elizabeth Kuhn	Portsmouth, N.H.
July 10	Roderick E. MacLaughlin	NH	Daniel MacLaughlin Florence Pond	Elizabeth E. Powell Justice of the Peace
	Leslie Powell		David Powell Elizabeth Moody	Hampton, N.H.
July 12	Kenneth H. Bean	N. H.	Hiram Bean Edith Mawhinney	Rev. Robert E. King Catholic Priest
	Kathleen L. Quinn	Mass.	John Quinn Emily Ochmanski	Exeter, N.H.
Aug. 2	Gilman W. Oliver	N. H.	Raymond Oliver Weltha Belrose	Rev. Wm. McInnes UCC Minister
	Elizabeth J. Corbin	NH	Carl Stockbridge Lillian Jackson	Nottingham, N.H.

Aug. 16	Daniel F. Seavey	Mass.	James Seavey Mildred Merchant	Rev. Z. Richard Henley Minister
	Nancy J. Wendell	N.H.	Hubert G. Wendell Virginia Fuller	South Newington, N.H.
Nov. 28	James A. McAllister	N.H.	Paul McAllister Carol Goddard	Rev. Gerard Dauphinais Catholic Priest
	Donna E. Lufkin	N.H.	George Lufkin Barbara Laconis	Exeter, N.H.
Dec. 28	Donald A. Flood	Mass	Daniel Flood Anthony	Annie B. Piper Justice of the Peace
	Gwendolyn Andrew	Me.	Robert Shiers Martin	Epping, N.H.

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